mutual inter-dependence of animal and vegetable life and
continuous self-adjustments of part to part and change to
change and above all by the ingenious contrivances which
minister to the prospective harmony of nature.
We thus see that in the process of God's evolution, all
inorganic nature is a pathway of forces working towards
the consummation of that which we call life. The rocks,
the seas, the atmosphere are the prior requisites which make
possible the sea-weed, the green herbage, the great forests,
the fragrant flowers, the precious fruit. These in themselves
are ends; but they are also means. For without them, the
air could be filled with no buzzing and twittering life, the
surface of our globe could give no support to beasts and creep-
ing things, the sea would be empty of the vast shoals that
crowd its depths. The plants furnish the great laboratory
which prepares the food for these. "Only," says Dr. Martineau,
a modern western sage, " that unlike our chemist's apparatus
and processes their experiments are all silent, their alembics
all sweet, their products the grace and beauty of the world,
and their very refuse a glow of autumn glory." And all

this conscious life, itself an end, is, in turn, in a thousand
ways, means towards human life. And within the scope
of this human life, the appetites, the affections, the
sentiments, in ascending scale, step after step, lead up to
the final realisation of the ideal of the conscience.
Marvellous, miraculous, is the conception, birth and
growth of human life—once perceptible only as a mere dot
of protoplasmic substance, but through direct action and
intimate watch moving mysteriously into outer growth
and inner development, till the world views with amaze-
ment that it should have come out in the wondrous form
of a self-conscious individual and with infinite possibilities I
How ceaselessly, how abundantly. **God's Creative** Love is
in evidence—every desire and prompting anticipated and
provided for; the milk preceding the child,, the sun-shine